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TWO FORT MYERS MEN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE MARIJUANA

_____ Acting United States Attorney James R. Klindt announced today the federal indictment and arrest of Karey Lee Woolsey, a/k/a "Musico", age 31, and Daniel Sweep, a/k/a "Buki", age 36. WOOLSEY and SWEEP are charged with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of more than 1000 kilograms of marijuana, and one count of possession with the intent to distribute more than 1000 kilograms of marijuana. Additionally, WOOLSEY is charged with thirteen (13) counts of money laundering and one (1) count of witness tampering. The indictment also seeks the forfeiture of WOOLSEY's twelve (12) residential properties, three (3) vehicles, and a money judgement seeking the recovery of the balance of the proceeds unlawfully obtained by WOOLSEY and SWEEP during the conspiracy.

POTENTIAL PENALTIES:

- Count 1** Minimum ten years' imprisonment up to life imprisonment, without parole, a fine of up to \$4 million, and a period of supervised release of at least 5 years up to life, and a Special Assessment of \$100.00.
- Count 2** Minimum 5 years' imprisonment up to 40 years' imprisonment, without

parole, a fine of up to \$2 million and a period of supervised release of at least 4 years up to life, and a Special Assessment of \$100.00.

Counts 3 - 15 Up to ten years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000 or an amount of not more than twice the amount of the criminally derived property involved in the transaction, a term of supervised release of up to three (3) years, a Special Assessment of \$ 100.00.

Count 16 Up to ten (10) years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$ 250,000, a term of supervised release of up to three (3) years, a Special Assessment of \$100.00.

For the previous three years, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Fort Myers Resident Office, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) have been conducting an investigation involving the smuggling of marijuana into the United States and then to the Fort Myers, Bonita Springs and Naples, Florida, where the marijuana was ultimately sold. Also assisting in the investigation were the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Naples Police Department and the Lee County Sheriff's Office. During the course of the investigation, a total of eight (8) subjects have been indicted federally, including the alleged kingpin of the organization JUAN MEDINA-GONZALES, a/k/a "Kapechi", who is currently a fugitive residing in Mexico. Three (3) individuals have faced state charges in connection with the organization.

The investigation revealed that the organization began operating in approximately 1997 and was responsible for transporting marijuana to Nevada, Iowa, Orlando, Naples, Bonita Springs, and Fort Myers, Florida. DEA has documented that the organization has

transported and sold approximately 7,000 pounds of marijuana in the Lee and Collier County areas since 2003. During the course of the investigation, DEA has seized approximately 2,200 pounds of marijuana and dismantled three marijuana stash houses in Naples, Bonita Springs and Fort Myers, Florida. DEA has also seized approximately \$420,000.00 in United States Currency.

WOOLSEY, an alleged member of the conspiracy since 2002, and SWEEP have been identified as the alleged primary customers/local distributors of the organization and were responsible for the distribution of at least 2,500 pounds of marijuana in the Fort Myers area.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys David Haas and Jesus Casas of the Southwest Florida Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida.

An indictment is merely a formal charge that a defendant has committed a violation of the federal criminal laws, and every defendant is presumed innocent unless, and until, proven guilty.